

REMARKS

The election/restriction requirement dated July 31, 2008 holds that this application contains claims directed to six patentably distinct species. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following patentably distinct species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species 1 - Figures 1-5;

Species 2 - Figures 6-8;

Species 3 - Figures 9-13;

Species 4 - Figures 14-17;

Species 5 - Figures 18-20; and

Species 6 - Figures 21-24.

Additionally, the Office Action indicates that at least claims 20, 26, 27, 34, and 35 are generic.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Species 1 illustrated in Figures 1-5 without traverse. Applicant believes that claims 1-20, 24, 26, 27, 34, and 35 read on Figures 1-5.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1-20, 24, 26, 27, 34, and 35 because they read on the elected species shown in Figures 1-5. Claims 21-23, 25, and 28-33 are believed to be directed to non-elected embodiments. Thus, these claims can be withdrawn from consideration in this case. However, Applicants respectfully request that these non-elected claims be considered upon the allowance of a generic claim in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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